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1. All officials of the HVfA, from Kommandeur upward, were obliged to attend an orientation lecture (Breitenschulung) given by Kommandeur Jahn (fmu), of the Inspektions-Abteilung. The lecture covered the breakdown and tactical employment of the German infantry regiment. All the Volkspolizei schools and Bereitschaften are to receive a tactical training guide which is to be based on this lecture. Inspekteur Barowka (fmu), head of the Abteilung Schulung, enjoined all those present to treat the lecture as strictly confidential. Source believes that the linking of tactical training with the German, as opposed to the Russian, army formation sets a precedent which possibly indicates that a "People's Army" may be modeled along these lines. The secrecy with which this lecture was surrounded may indicate that the heads of the HVfA realize the incompatibility of this type of training with the ostensible police character of the organization.

2. Joint maneuvers of the Volkspolizei and the Russian army, particularly of armored units, are projected for some time before the end of August 1950.

3. The current training period for all Volkspolizei units is scheduled to be completed by the end of August 1950. [REDACTED] by that time, a new set-up, adapted to the new tactical requirements and presumably tending to be based on a German army pattern, will have been devised. Source further considers that the Volkspolizei is clearly intended to serve as a cadre for a future German army. Source saw no possible parallel between the organization of the Volkspolizei and the organization of NVD troops.

4. No significant increase in personnel or further activation of schools or Bereitschaften need be anticipated until such time as the Russians relinquish the military installations which they now occupy, such as barracks, training areas, etc. Further, it would be impossible to extend tactical training in the Volkspolizei beyond company level unless the Russians made available the Jüterbog, Döberitz or similar training grounds. In this connection, ranking officials within the HVfA freely discuss the possibility that the Russians may withdraw their troops from Germany within the foreseeable future.

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